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Technology Center 2800

Oral Hearing Held: July 14, 2010

Before KENNETH W. HAIRSTON, MASHID D. SAADAT,
BRADLEY W. BAUMEISTER, *Administrative Patent Judges.*

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1 The above-entitled matter came on for hearing on Wednesday, July
2 14, 2010, commencing at 9:54 a.m., at the U.S. Patent and Trademark
3 Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia, before Janice Salas, Notary
4 Public.

5 THE CLERK: Calendar number 8, appeal number 2009-013634,
6 Ms. McGovern.

7 JUDGE HAIRSTON: Thank you.

8 Ms. McGovern, do you have a business card with you?

9 MS. MCGOVERN: No, sir.

10 JUDGE HAIRSTON: Can I get you to spell your name for the record.

11 MS. MCGOVERN: M-E-G-H-A-N is my first name. My middle initial is
12 A as in Ann. McGovern is M-C-G-O-V-E-R-N.

13 JUDGE HAIRSTON: Thank you. You may begin.

14 MS. MCGOVERN: Good morning. My name is Meghan McGovern. I
15 represent the Appellant in this case, Cooper Crouse-Hinds. The rejections of
16 record in this matter should be reversed because none of the cited references
17 describes or suggests a branching device that includes at least one
18 electrically conducting wire terminal as recited in claim 1 of this application.
19 The wire terminal of claim 1 includes three elements: At least one
20 connecting lug, a through-channel for uninterrupted passage of a wire, a
21 holding-down clamp which holds the wires in the through-channel. The
22 holding-down clamp of the wire terminal exhibits a transverse plate that
23 closes off the through-channel.

24 Embo, the primary reference relied upon in rejecting this claim, does not
25 have a wire terminal with these features. The Examiner has pointed to
26 Embo's stamped part 9, which is shown in figure 3 of Embo, in combination

1 with Embo's plug contact 4, which is shown in figure 1 of Embo, as showing
2 the recited wire terminal.

3 However, neither of these elements nor their combination has the features of
4 our recited wire terminal. In particular, these elements do not include a
5 holding-down clamp that holds wires in a through-channel of the wire
6 terminal.

7 The Examiner, throughout prosecution and also in the Examiner's answer,
8 appears to be equating all those -- excuse me -- Embo's guides 13, which are
9 shown in figure 1 of Embo, in combination with Embo's plug part 5, which
10 is also shown in figure 1 of Embo, with the recited holding-down plate.

11 However, even if these elements can be combined, they're not included in
12 the elements that the Examiner is using to point to to show a wire terminal.

13 For these reasons, Embo -- at least these reasons, Embo does not show a
14 wire terminal with the features of the wire terminal recited in claim 1 of this
15 application.

16 JUDGE HAIRSTON: Any questions?

17 JUDGE SAADAT: No questions.

18 JUDGE BAUMEISTER: No.

19 JUDGE HAIRSTON: Thank you.

20 MS. MCGOVERN: Well, thank you.

21 Whereupon, the proceedings at 9:57 a.m. were concluded.

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